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1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE PROCEDURES LISTED BELOW WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THIS HQ IN THE GENERATION OF A TACKLE MISSION:

A. ALERT WEATHER BRIEFINGS WILL BE HELD AT HQ DAILY [REDACTED]

~~2200Z~~ IF THE WEATHER FORECAST IS FAVORABLE AND VALID TARGET REQUIREMENTS EXIST, A MISSION WILL BE ALERTED FOR LAUNCH APPROXIMATELY <sup>TWENTY FOUR</sup> ~~TEN~~ HOURS FOLLOWING THIS BRIEFING. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ALERT WEATHER BRIEFING, AT WHICH A MISSION IS ALERTED, NOTICE OF THE ALERT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DETACHMENT [REDACTED]

B. MISSION PLAN WEATHER BRIEFINGS WILL BE HELD ONLY IF A MISSION HAS BEEN ALERTED. FOLLOWING THIS BRIEFING, HQ [REDACTED]

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PLANNING STAFF WILL FINALIZE THE ROUTE TO TAKE MAXIMUM  
ADVANTAGE OF THE GOOD WEATHER AREA, <sup>WITH FULL CONSIDERATION OF</sup> ~~CONSISTENT WITH~~ TARGET  
REQUIREMENTS AND HOSTILE DEFENSES. ROUTE INFORMATION AND  
OTHER MISSION DETAILS WILL BE TRANSMITTED SO AS TO ARRIVE AT

25X1 [REDACTED] NOT LATER THAN TWELVE HOURS PRIOR TO MISSION  
LAUNCH [REDACTED] DETAILED MISSION  
INFORMATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DETACHMENT [REDACTED]

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25X1 C. GO-NO-GO BRIEFINGS WILL BE HELD APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS  
PRIOR TO MISSION LAUNCH. THE GO-NO-GO DECISION WILL BE  
TRANSMITTED [REDACTED] TO ARRIVE AT THE DETACHMENT  
NOT LATER THAN TWO HOURS PRIOR TO MISSION LAUNCH.

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2. ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE MAY APPEAR TO BE A RADICAL CHANGE IN MISSION GENERATION PROCEDURES, IT MERELY CONSTITUTES A RETURN TO THE ALERT AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AGREED TO  PRIOR TO THE INCEPTION OF THE TACKLE PROGRAM. THESE PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED,  UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1 AUGUST 1964. AT THAT TIME, HQ BEGAN TRANSMITTING MISSION DETAILS TO THE FIELD ASAP AFTER THE ALERT WEATHER BRIEFING. MISSION PLAN WEATHER BRIEFINGS WERE HELD APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN HOURS LATER, BUT THEIR ONLY PURPOSE WAS TO CONFIRM THE ALERT WEATHER FORECAST OR TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR EARLY CANCELLATION OF THE MISSION BECAUSE THE PLANNED ROUTE DID NOT COINCIDE WITH THE GOOD WEATHER AREA. IN RETROSPECT, EARLY TRANSMISSION OF MISSION DETAILS WAS A MISTAKE, BECAUSE SUBSEQUENTLY MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED WHEN WEATHER FAILED TO BREAK IN THE PREDICTED AREA, EVEN THOUGH FAVORABLE WEATHER PREVAILED <sup>IN</sup> ADJACENT AREAS OF INTEREST.

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